

Town of Alna

Warrant for Annual Town Meeting

March 16 & 17, 2012

To: Kathy O. Rice, Resident of the Town of Alna, County of Lincoln and State of Maine.

GREETINGS:

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Alna, in said County, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to assemble at the Alna Firehouse on Friday the sixteenth day of March, 2012 10:00 a.m., then and there to act on articles one and two and to notify and warn said inhabitants to meet at the Alna Firehouse on Saturday, the seventeenth day of March at 1:00 p.m. then and there to act on articles three through forty one all of said articles being set out below to wit:

Article 1: To elect a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Article 2: Having been duly notified, as above, to elect on the sixteenth day of March 2012 between the hours of 10:00 a.m. in the forenoon and close at 7:00 p.m. in the evening, by secret ballot in accordance with a vote of the Town the following officers:

First Selectman, also serving as Assessor and Overseer of the poor for a two year term.

Treasurer, for a one year term.

Road Commissioner, for a one year term.

School Committee Member, for a three year term.

Article 3: To elect by paper ballot one **Cemetery Trustee** for a term of three years.

Article 4: To elect all other Town Officials or to instruct the Selectmen to appoint the same.

Article 5: To see what method the Town will adopt for the collection of taxes.

Article 6: To see what method the Town will adopt for the collection of back taxes.

The Selectmen recommend the Tax Lien method

Article 7: To see if the Town in accordance with 36 M.R.S.A. § 506-A, will vote that a taxpayer who paid an amount in excess of that finally assessed, shall be repaid the amount of the overpayment plus interest from the date of the over-payment at an annual rate of three percent.

Article 8: To see when the Town wishes to have taxes due and payable and at what rate of interest charges will be added to the unpaid taxes.

Note: The selectmen recommend the due date after June 1, 2012 at the Assessors' discretion, seven percent interest commencing forty five days after the date of the tax bill.

Article 9: To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to spend an amount not to exceed one sixth of the fiscal year 2012 expenditures for all accounts during the period from February 1, 2013 to the March 2013 Annual Town Meeting.

Article 10: To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to borrow sums of money in anticipation of taxes, as necessary, for the purpose of paying Town obligations.

Article 11: To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to sell tax acquired property on such terms as they deem advisable, and to execute quit-claim deeds for such property, giving notice fourteen days before the sale by posting notice in the Lincoln County News, Wiscasset Newspaper, and the usual posting places in Town, except that such posting may be waived when the property is being redeemed by its former owner.

Article 12: Shall the Town increase the property tax levy limit of \$292,928.00 established for the Town by State law, in the event that the municipal budget approved under the following articles results in a tax commitment that is greater than this property tax levy limit.

Article 13: To see if the town will instruct the Selectmen to dispose of alewife rights in whatever manner they determine to be in the best interest of the Town for a period of up to five years.

Article 14: To see if the Town will transfer local road assistance payments when received from the State of Maine during fiscal year 2012-2013, from Capitol Highway Accounts to General Highway Account and to authorize the Road Commissioner with the approval of the Selectmen to spend a portion, or the entire sum, as they see fit, on paving or some other capital improvement According to 23 M.R.S.A. § 2701

Article 15: Shall the Town vote to accept the categories of funds listed below.

	Estimated Amount
State Education Subsidy Allocation	\$121,719.78
Department Services Allocation	100.00
General Assistance	1,040.42
Teachers Certification Block Grant	100.00
Chapter 1	100.00
Local Entitlement	100.00
Other Educational Funds	100.00
Local Road Assistance	26,726.00
Municipal Revenue	40,648.85
Homestead Exemption Reimbursement	26,699.00
Forest Fire Control	100.00
Ordinance Fines	100.00
Snowmobile Registration Refund	423.68
Tree Growth Reimbursement	6,449.30
Veterans Exemption Reimbursement	647.00
State Welfare Assistance	100.00
Medicaid Reimbursement	67,083.01
Grants	2,000.00
American Recovery Reinvestment Act	16,750.00
Economic and Community Development	100.00
School Bus Subsidy	100.00
State Grants and Other Funds*	100.00

** This category includes all funds received from the state that are not included in the items above.*

Article 16: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Administration Account.
Selectmen Recommend \$30,000.00
Note: The amount raised and appropriated last year was \$38,000.00

Article 17: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Salaries. Selectmen recommend the following Town Officials' Salaries for an aggregate total of \$60,410.00

Town Officials	2012	2011
Town Clerk and Tax Collector	\$24,645.00	{ \$22,630.50 }
Deputy Town Clerk and Tax Collector	6,000.00	{ 5,000.00 }
First Selectman/Assessor	6,285.00	{ 6,285.00 }
Second Selectman/Assessor	2,105.00	{ 2,105.00 }
Third Selectman/Assessor	2,105.00	{ 2,105.00 }
Treasurer	4,000.00	{ 4,000.00 }
Deputy Treasurer	300.00	{ 300.00 }
Road Commissioner	1,235.00	{ 1,235.00 }
Fire Chief	1,500.00	{ 1,500.00 }
Fire Warden	100.00	{ 100.00 }
Assistant Fire Chief	1,000.00	{ 1,000.00 }
Fire Captains (3 @ \$250)	750.00	{ 0.00 }
First Responders Director	1,000.00	{ 1,000.00 }
EMA Director	300.00	{ 300.00 }
Animal Control Officer	\$12.00 per hr.	{ \$12.00 per hr }
Limited to:	1,500.00	{ 1,500.00 }
Code Enforcement Officer & Alternate CEO	\$18.00 per hr.	{ \$18.00 per hr. }
Limited to:	2,700.00	{ 2,700.00 }
Health Officer	125.00	{ 125.00 }
Planning Board Chairman	435.00	{ 435.00 }
Planning Board Secretary	800.00	{ 800.00 }
Planning Board Members and Alternates	\$15.00 per mtg	{ \$15.00 per mtg }
Limited to:	1,400.00	{ 1,400.00 }
Poster of Warrants	125.00	{ 125.00 }
Elections and Town Meetings	2,000.00	{ 2,000.00 }
	<u>60,410.00</u>	<u>56,645.50</u>

Article 18: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Town's share of Social Security.
Selectmen Recommend \$6,500.00
Note: The amount raised and appropriated last year was \$6,500.00.

Article 19: To see what sum if any the Town will raise and appropriate for the Municipal Land Reserve Account
Selectmen recommend \$3,000.00

Article 20: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Principal and Interest due on the loan for the addition to the Alna Volunteer Fire Department.
Selectmen recommend \$31,875.00
Principal payment due (September 2012) \$26,250.00
Interest due (March 2013) \$5,625.00

Note: The amount raised in the 2011 fiscal year was \$31,875.00.

Article 21: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Alna Volunteer Fire Department, Fire Department recommends the following for an aggregate total of \$88,529.00

	2012	2011
Volunteer Fire Department Administration	\$36,231.00	33,450.00
Fire Fighter Training Pay	\$ 5,633.00	5,583.00
Fire Fighter Call Pay	\$10,665.00	11,632.00
Training Tuition and Expenses	\$ 3,000.00	3,000.00
Fire Truck Reserve Account	\$25,000.00	7,500.00
Radios	\$ 2,000.00	5,000.00
1 Air Pack replacement + spare bottle	\$ 6,000.00	4,500.00
Total	\$ 88,529.00	70,665.00

Article 22: To see if the Town will approve increasing call & training pay for Firefighters to \$11 an hour
Fire Chief and Selectmen recommend a yes vote

Note: Firefighter call & training pay is currently \$10 an hour

Article 23: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the General Highway Maintenance Account.

Road Commissioner Recommends \$25,000.00

Note: The amount raised and appropriated last year was \$25,000.00.

Article 24: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$63,600 to be used to pay for 2012 Principal and Interest due on loan for Road Improvement Project

Selectmen and Road Commissioner recommend approval

Article 25: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Solid Waste Contract.

Selectmen Recommend \$71,036.00

Note: The amount raised and appropriated last year was \$67,191.08

Article 26: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Sand and Salt Building Maintenance Account.

Selectmen Recommend \$5,000.00

Article 27: To see if the Town will vote to establish an interest bearing reserve account called the Sand and Salt Building Reserve Account for the purpose of constructing a new sand and salt building or major renovation when necessary and to see what sum and from what source the Town will vote to initially capitalize this fund

Selectmen recommend transferring the balance of the Ambulance Reserve Account

Article 28: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Snow Removal Contract.

Selectmen Recommend

Snow Removal Contract	\$162,895.00
Sand and Salt for Winter Roads	30,000.00
Total	\$192,895.00

Note: the amount raised and appropriated last year was \$174,161.49

Article 29: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Tax Map Account to perform the annual tax map update, the sum of money to be used only for the payment of professional services.

Selectmen recommend \$625.00

Note: The amount raised and appropriated last year was \$625.00.

Article 30: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Re-Evaluation Reserve account
Selectmen Recommend \$5,000.00

Article 31: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the General Assistance account
Selectmen recommend \$3,000

Note: Amount raised and appropriated last year was \$0

Article 32: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Cemetery Account.
Cemetery Trustee and Selectmen recommend \$5,000.00

Note: The Amount raised and appropriated last year was \$4,400.00.

Article 33: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Town Buildings Maintenance Account.
Selectmen Recommend \$5,500.00

Note: the amount raised and appropriated last year was \$5,500.00

Article 34: To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to close the Meetinghouse Reserve Account and deposit the balance in the Historical Building Fund Reserve Account
Selectmen and Committee for Alna History recommend a yes vote

Article 35: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Historical Building Fund Reserve Account.
The Committee for Alna History Recommends \$6,000.00

Note: The amount raised and appropriated last year was \$5,300.00

Article 36: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Committee for Alna History.
The Committee for Alna History recommends \$700.00

Note: The amount raised and appropriated last year was \$700.00.

Article 37: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the restoration projects for the Historic Head Tide Church.
Friends of the Head Tide Church and the Selectmen Recommend \$200.00

Note: The amount raised and appropriated last year was \$200.00

Article 38: To see what sum the town will vote to raise and appropriate for a contract to dispose of stray animals.
Selectmen recommend to contract with Lincoln County Animal Shelter
Raise and appropriate for animal control \$550.00

Note: The amount raised and appropriated last year was 500.00

Article 39: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the following organizations:

<u>ORGANIZATION</u>	2011	2012
Mid Coast Chapter American Red Cross	500.00	500.00
LCTV	1,085.00	1,043.00
Wiscasset Public Library	5,713.00	5,713.00
Spectrum Generations	525.00	525.00
Miles Health Care Center	500.00	500.00
Bradford-Sortwell-Wright Legion Post	200.00	200.00
Mobius	260.00	260.00
New Hope for Women	710.00	710.00

Healthy Kids	1,300.00	1,300.00
Coastal Transportation	400.00	400.00
Lincoln County Animal Shelter (Neuter/Spay Fund)	250.00	250.00
Mid-Coast Mental Health Center	675.00	675.00
Midcoast Maine Community Action	335.00	335.00
Kno-Wal-Lin	675.00	662.00
Elder Care Network of Lincoln County	500.00	500.00
Lincoln County Historical Association	100.00	100.00
Sweetser	729.00	729.00
Kennebec Valley Mental Health Center	200.00	200.00
Wiscasset Ambulance Service	0.00	3,000.00

Total	<u>\$14,657.00</u>	<u>17,602.00</u>
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Article 40: To see what sum the Town will appropriate from fiscal year 2011 Excise Taxes to reduce the 2012 Tax Rate

Selectmen Recommend \$80,000.00

Article 41: To see what sum the Town will vote to transfer from fiscal year 2011 surplus to reduce the 2012 Tax Rate.

Selectmen Recommend 80% of the 2011 Surplus

Given under our hands at Alna, Maine this seventh day of March, 2012.

David Abbott

Jonathan Villeneuve

David Reingardt

Attested By:

Kathy O. Rice